

House Bill 176
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Senate Fish and Game Committee

Mr. Chairman and committee members, I am Dave Risley, Fish and Wildlife Administrator of Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP). I am here to provide testimony in support of House Bill 176.

House Bill 176 will provide up to 25 antelope license to persons diagnosed with a terminal illness. Under current law the Department may issue up to 25 hunting licenses to youths with a life-threatening illness. The Department issues an average of 10 licenses per year to these youths. This bill will have no impact on other antelope licenses issued by the Department and the quota of 25 will be above the harvest quotas set by the FWP Commission.

This is a noble gesture by the legislature and Department requests a "do pass".

Thank you.